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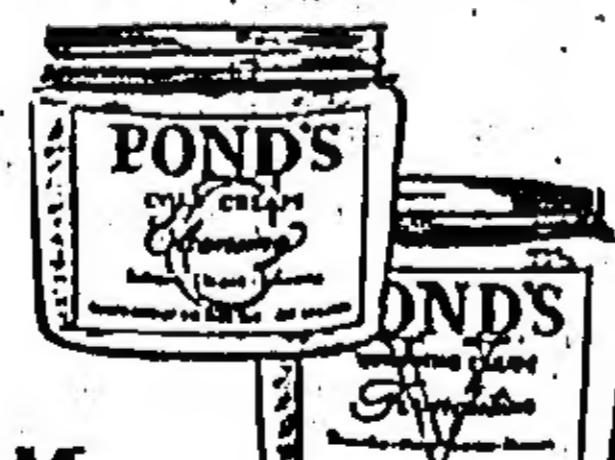
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WOMANSENSE

London Fashions

by SUSAN DEACON

Glamour fabrics are back in the shops

ONDON fashion houses are using many of the prewar materials in their spring collections.

Most of the shops are now selling pique, grosgrain (corded silk), tie-silk, wool and silk jersey, moire, taffeta, and satin by the yard.

PATTERNS on materials are smaller. The large overall bold design has given way to a smaller, more discreet pattern.

Candy stripes are not popular, but there are lots of spotted fabrics. Prints are mostly two-colour combinations—navy and white, grey and white, yellow and grey, blue and white. Any floral pattern is widely scattered on a white ground.

There are many tiny crow's foot and shepherd's plaid checks. Remember the importance of a patterned material to camouflage a figure defect.

Stripes for height

A short woman needs stripes going up and down to give the illusion of height—an outsize figure should wear only pinstripes, a small spot, or a tiny check or floral pattern.

Leave the tartans and bold over-checks for the model girl figure.

PIQUE is perfect for blouses or suit fronts. It would make a lovely summer evening dress, or full length evening skirt, worn with a gay cotton blouse.

It is easily washed and ironed, and retains its crispness without starching.

GROSGRAIN is a stiff, sophisticated rayon material, suitable for cocktail and evening dresses. Such a plain, stiff material as this needs clever dressmaking to avoid the home-made look.

Choose a style which is almost tailored. It is not suitable for frills and gathers.

TIE-SILK—also rayon. It is suitable for all ages and is usually patterned with a small geometric men's tie pattern.

Most dress styles could be made in this material, and it is good for town wear, and drapes well.

You would need to wear a stiffened petticoat beneath it to give the skirt a good line.

WOOL AND SILK JERSEY are popular, at the moment. Both materials sell cheaply by the yard, and are good for dressmaker suits and tailored styles.

They are excellent for evening or day sweaters, and hang well in unpressed or all-round pieces.

Do not skimp material—this fabric particularly, needs to be economy, or it says.

Exotic fabric

MOIRE TAFFETA—best of all for evening wear, but is attractive, too, for cocktail dresses. It is a stiff, exotic fabric which will pleat, but not gather.

SATIN. A lovely material, but never to be worn if you are



If you want to make your own clothes—
three variations of the
classic black crepe skirt and sash.

1 Black net tunic with frame
collar.

2 White pique coat jacket
with black embroidery.

3 Satin striped blouse and
skirt.

Silk-like cottons

COTTON is not plentiful, but has taken on a new fashion importance. Some of the new cottons have almost a silk finish.

It is not only a holiday material, but is used these days for nightdresses, summer evening dresses, blouses, and in small dark prints for town wear. It is good for most styles and all figures.

NYLON—can be bought in voiles, crinkle voiles, chiffons, taffeta, and satin. It washes beautifully—keeps its shape—and many nylon fabrics do not need ironing.

Parachute nylon was never intended for making garments, and has a clammy feeling which has prejudiced women against the use of nylon.

RAYON. Many women are still dillid about washing rayon, but it does wash beautifully.

Use warm water, make certain that the soap is well dissolved, rinse well, and dry the garment with the weight evenly distributed.

Iron on the wrong side with a warm iron.

Don't skimp

REMEMBER: If you want to make your own clothes it is better to buy too much material than to skimp the dress. In these days of stoles and apron skirts an odd length can always be used to trim another dress.

Don't be too ambitious with your choice of pattern. A simple style is easier to make.

Give-away details which stamp a dress "home-made" are badly set sleeves, ill-fitting placket, pucker collar, button holes which do not look professional, and crooked top stitching. (London Express Service).

Household Hints

Cologne stains on your wooden dresser can be removed, if they are not too bad, by rubbing with oil—salad, peppermint, castor oil, or any kind of oil handy—and cigarette ashes. Wipe off with clean oil. If this treatment doesn't help, professional advice will be needed.

If you have watched children at play, you know that they often play in a stooping posture, so overalls need extra seat length. This extra length may be provided by setting in small pleats at the bend of the hips if you make your children's play clothes.

You will see your child control his eyes first. Then he makes little noises in his throat, reaches with his hand, rolls over, sits up, creeps, and walks on all fours, and finally legs.

If you are making a very full, flared skirt, and the flare starts just below the waistline, stretch the skirt band or blouse. This stretching will make a more even-flare. For the skirt that fits through the hip-line and then flares slightly, ease the skirt onto the skirt band or blouse. This will prevent a stretched look below the belt-line.

Babies Don't Develop At The Same Rate—

YOUR first look at your own new baby may delight you, dismay you or even make you wonder if he's normal.

Model babies on magazine covers, with whom you unconsciously compare yours, are usually wide-awake busy babies of four months or more. You won't be up during the first four months.

They gain very rapidly between four and eight months and slow down still more between eight and 12 months.

If you know this, you won't be frightened when your baby's appetite slows down. Some doctors don't advise weighing the baby often. They believe many mothers worry unnecessarily about babies' gains.

WEIGHT

Baby will lose weight if he is sick, but when he recovers, he will develop a ravenous appetite and very quickly put his former weight on again. He may have weighed 15 pounds on one visit to the doctor, and weigh 16 pounds, and one ounce six weeks later, after an illness. It is likely that he'd gained a pound and a half in the six weeks but lost it during the illness.

Baby's height is no index of his health because it depends upon the stature of his parents and their ancestors. During his first year, he will grow from six to 12 inches, but after that he probably won't grow more than four inches a year. Height is less affected by illness than weight. He may grow taller during an illness in which he lost weight.

Baby's proportions differ from those of adults. His head, which is 1/4 of his body length, looks too large for his body. The shape of his head may alter as you put it will round itself out.

He may be bald or have a thick thatch of hair. The hair may be curly or straight.

If he is bald, he may remain so until he is nearly a year old.

If he has hair, the first growth will come out gradually and slowly be replaced by new hair, which may be quite different in colour and texture.

He will improve gradually, too, during the first three months, in the way he holds his head when he lies on his stomach. As his muscles grow stronger, he'll raise his head higher from the surface of the bed. Raising his head from the bed when he's lying on his back does not come until later.

At first the baby can't turn his head to see what he hears. As the days go by, you will see him turn it toward his mother when he hears her voice.

At three months, he'll probably be able to turn his head in all directions.

Gentlemen May Prefer Blondes, But...

By PATRICIA CLARY

GENTLEMEN may prefer blondes, but a starlet has produced evidence that movie producers prefer brunettes, two to one.

What that signifies about movie producers, Dorothy Malone is not saying. All she knows is that if you want to be an actress, you'd better be a blonde.

Miss Malone curls up with paper and pencil and figures out statistics about movie stars. "Forty-eight percent of female movie stars," she gave out, "are brunettes. Including me."

Brunettes Listed

The others are Jane Wyman, Olivia de Havilland, Joan Crawford, Gene Tierney, Heddy Lamarr, Ida Lupino, Barbara Stanwyck, Claudette Colbert, Linda Darnell, Vivien Leigh, Dorothy Lamour, Myrna Loy, Anne Baxter, Deanna Durbin, Margaret O'Brien, Deanna Durbin, Taylor, Jennifer Jones, Katherine Hepburn, Dolores del Rio, Yvonne de Carlo, Joan Bennett, Rosalind Russell, Deborah Kerr, Carmen Miranda, Maria Montez, Marguerite Chapman, Janis Paige and Ann Blyth.

Blondes

A mere 23 percent are blondes, born or dyed. That includes Lana Turner, Betty Grable, June Haver, Joan Caulfield, Veronica Lake, Doris Day, Eve Arden, Virginia Mayo, Patricia Neal, Eleanor Parker, Betty Hutton, Ginger Rogers, Sonja Henie and Marlene Dietrich.

There are another 11 stars whom you can't list as either blonde or brunette. They are Lauren Bacall, Bette Davis, Ingrid Bergman, Irene Dunne, Dorothy McGuire, Alexis Smith, June Allyson, Joan Fontaine, Shirley Temple and Esther Williams. —United Press.

Keeping Your Figure Slim



Massage is an important part of the figure-remodelling programme in a famous New York salon.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF a woman has a little spare time, she doesn't mind the expense, has determination to make herself better looking, beauty is at her doorstep. I am referring, of course, to face and figure. Faces seem to be getting along pretty well, but there are plenty of feminine shapes that could be moulded into more graceful lines." So proclaims the boss of a figure-remodelling salon.

No matter what fashion dictators may have to say, hip width isn't desirable. All right if it is a lot of draped dry goods that you can take off and hang in the clothes closet. But you don't want the kind of panniers that have to live with and carry around. These adiopos bumps can be deleted if a woman will mind her diet, take proper exercise, or place herself in the case of an expert in the art of creating the svelte silhouette.

If circulation is sluggish, the candidate for the willowy shape is given a salt glow. This is an invigorating treatment that puts ginger in the heels. Moistened salt is rubbed into the flesh; all the little capillaries respond like lightning.

A scalp treatment and a facial follow, and of course the hair dresser gets in her work. By the time all this is accomplished the patron of the pulchritude arts feels that she has had the whole works; is completely made over. Her pocketbook may look flatter, but so does she, less busty less hippy, less tummy.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Cereals Are Most Nutritious

ONE of the greatest problems of homemakers everywhere is to induce the family to eat a wider variety of new foods.

"Here in Clair-Valle, in the province of Quebec in Canada, the nutritionist is making a good beginning to solve this problem," observed the Chef.

"I have enjoyed the cereals they have introduced for breakfast," remarked the Chef. "These are all cooked and made of the whole grain, and are very substantial. They serve plenty in the bowl with good milk.

"Start with tomato juice, baked apples, prunes or tinned fruit," suggested the Chef. "Add crusty bread with butter and cheese, and tea or coffee with milk, and you have an excellent sustaining balanced meal."

"I notice they serve several different cereals here, so they avoid the monotony of the same breakfast every day," continued the Chef. "And these cereals are not what you call 'soupy.' They have a consistency which makes them taste like something to eat, not something to drink. I was interested to see that the nutritionist cooked these whole grain cereals with the method which I approve. She follows the directions for cooking given on the package; then when the cereal is cooked she sets it aside to cool and steam a little for half an hour."

Maple Puff

Boil 1/2 c. maple syrup 5 min. Separate the white from the yolk of 1 egg that has been standing at room temperature a few hours. Save the yolk to use in making custard or scrambled eggs. Beat the white until stiff. Then with a hand beater beat in 1/3 of the boiling hot syrup. When this is whipped, add a second installment of syrup. Beat this in, then add the remaining syrup and beat until very fluffy. Heap in sherbet glasses. Chill and serve decorated with bits of cherries and a few pieces of enough for serving.

"If you do not have real maple syrup, use the following for this dessert, or for other recipes given in this column from time to time, that call for maple syrup:

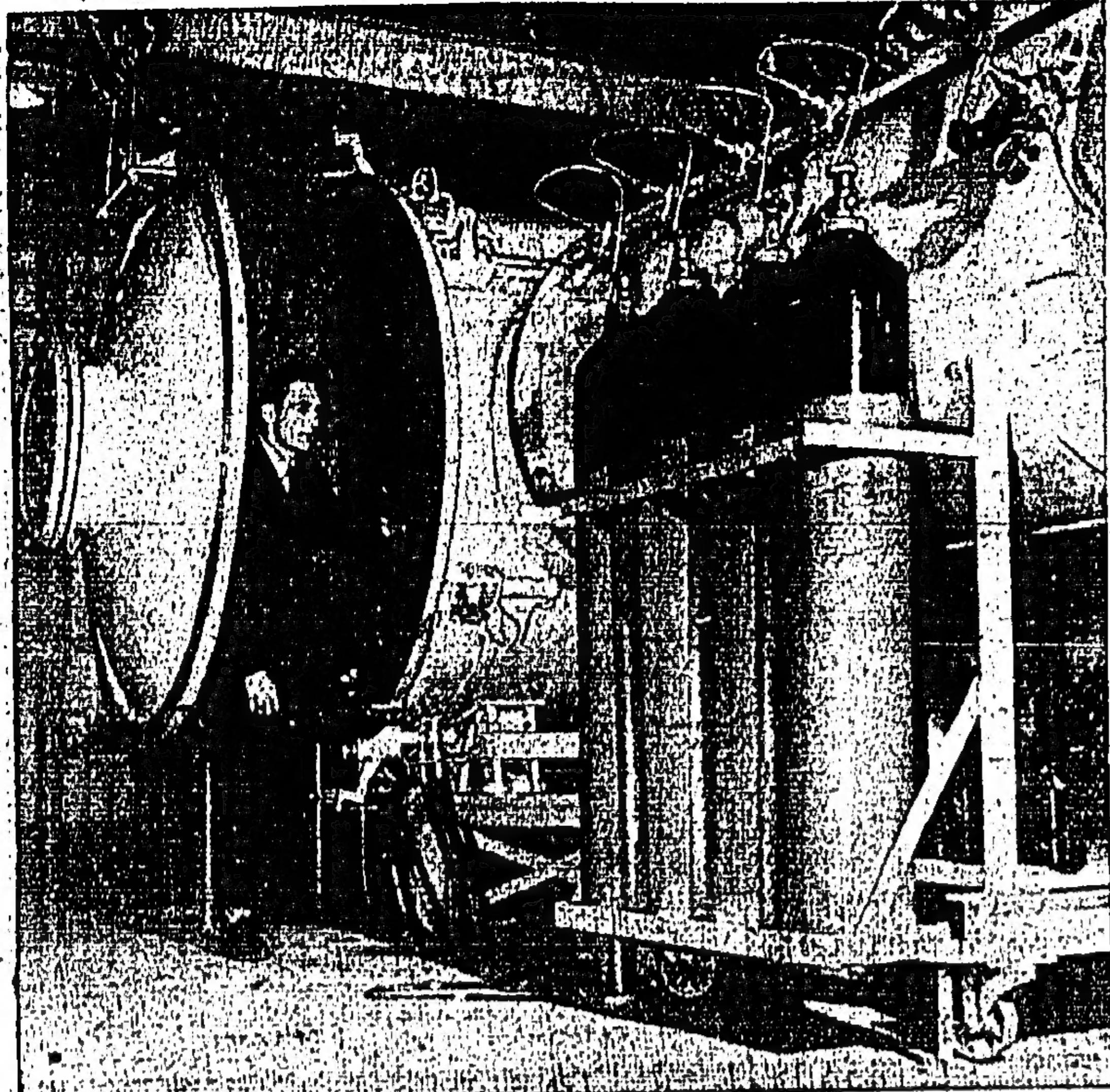
Kitchen-Made Maple Syrup, a reasonable facsimile: Stir 1 c. light brown sugar into 1 1/2 c. boiling water. When dissolved, add 2 min. Add 1/4 tsp. maple flavouring.

"You know Madame, it is my considered opinion that we should encourage your readers to use more of these cooked whole grain cereals for breakfast."

For an exquisite dessert, top sliced sponge cake with sliced slightly sweetened peaches, then

maple puff.

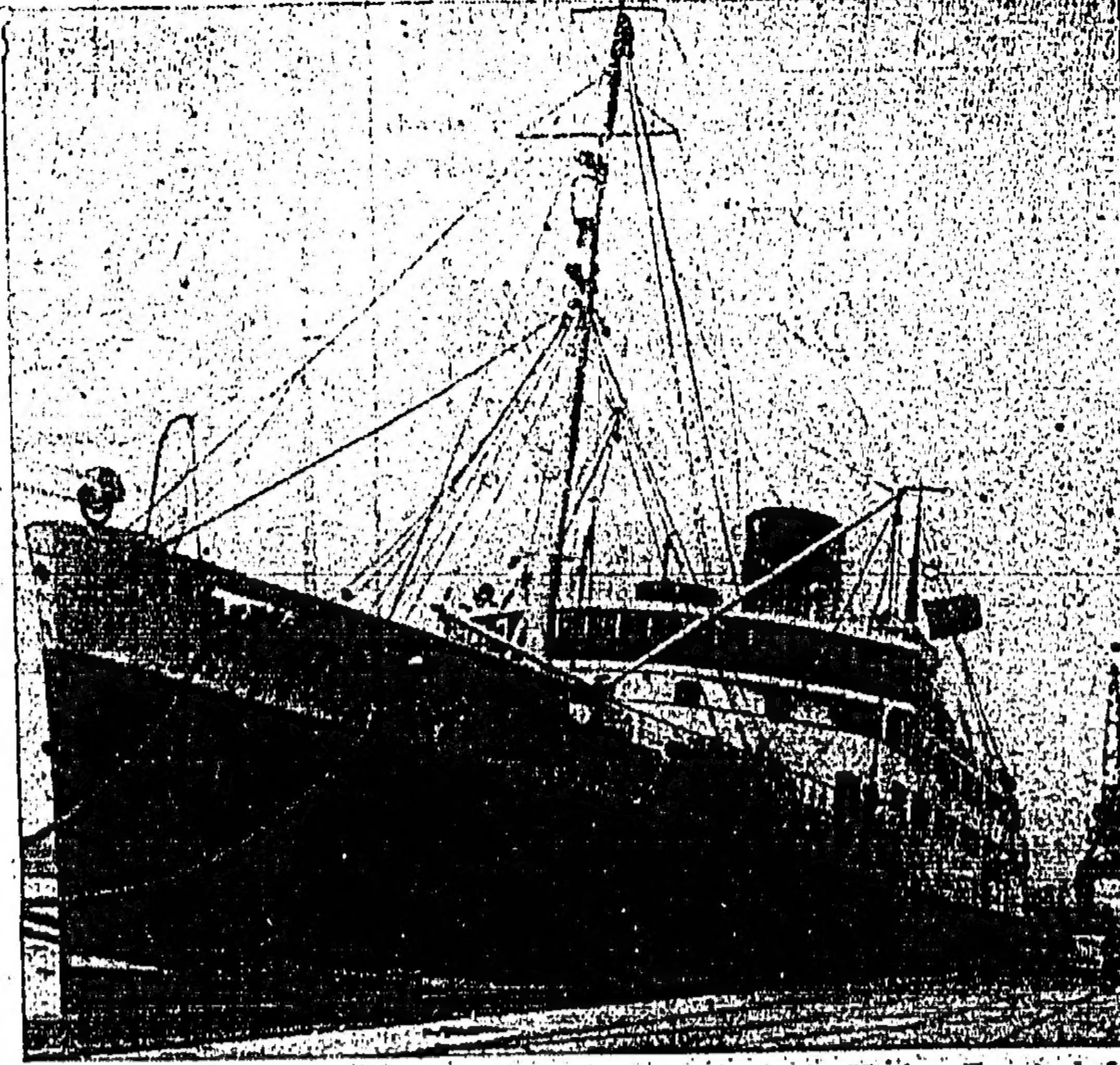
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SCIENTIFIC—A general view of the world's first low pressure supersonic wind tunnel. It was designed to explore and study the problems of super-aerodynamics in Berkeley, California. A technician steps inside the door of the test chamber to make a routine check before operating the machine.



SKILLED TOUCH—This Indonesian girl is removing wax coverings from a piece of cloth just dyed in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The batik industry, for which Indonesian handicraft is noted, is based on block printing and dyeing.



ALL FIXED UP—Tied up at the Camden, New Jersey, Marine Terminal for repairs before she sailed back home, the ss Molotov is carrying the Soviet sailors who returned the lend-lease cruiser Milwaukee to the US. The ship's boiler fire boxes had caused the trouble.



BRIEF ENCOUNTER—After hitting the roof of a hangar at Croydon Airport, near London, this shattered two-engine plane landed on the roof of a telephone office. The pilot suffered some injuries but was rescued by firemen.



INSPECTING AIRLIFT—During a visit to Templehof Airfield, in the United States sector of Berlin, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, second from left, reviews the guard of honour. With him are Lt.-Col. William H. Delacy, left, commanding officer of Templehof, and Lord Henderson, right foreground, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.



STAY AWAY, PAPA—Olga, a camel in the Philadelphia Zoo, stands guard over her three-day-old daughter. Even the papa camel was forbidden by Olga to come near their child, which she jealously protects from everyone.



HOWDY DO—Portland, four-month-old daughter of actor James Mason and his wife, is making her first bow to the public in Hollywood. The baby is named after Portland Hoffa, wife of comedian Fred Allen.



FANCY TRAVEL—Genevieve Cuprys, 25-year-old animal handler from the New York Bronx Zoo, coaxes two elephants from an aeroplane which landed in New York from Singapore and Siam. The 12,000-mile flight was shared by 133 tropical animals which were being shipped to American zoos.



CONTENDER—Wearing a French bathing suit decorated with orchids, Pmt Morrison of Chicago is a leading contender in New York for the title of "Miss Stardust."

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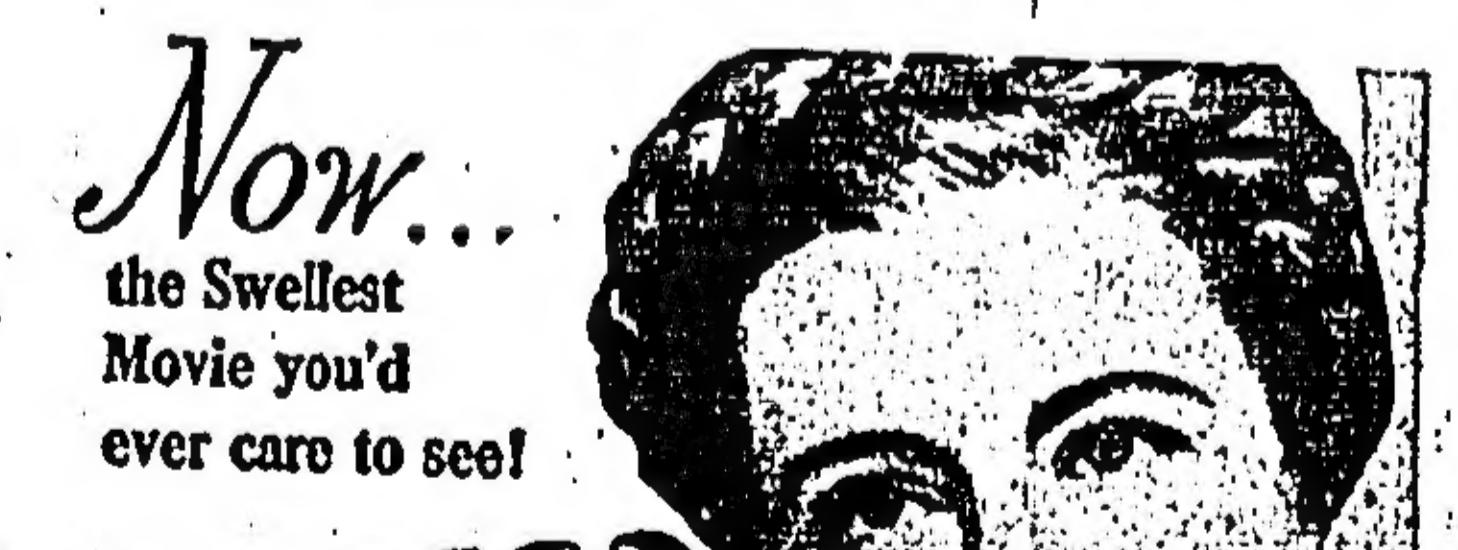
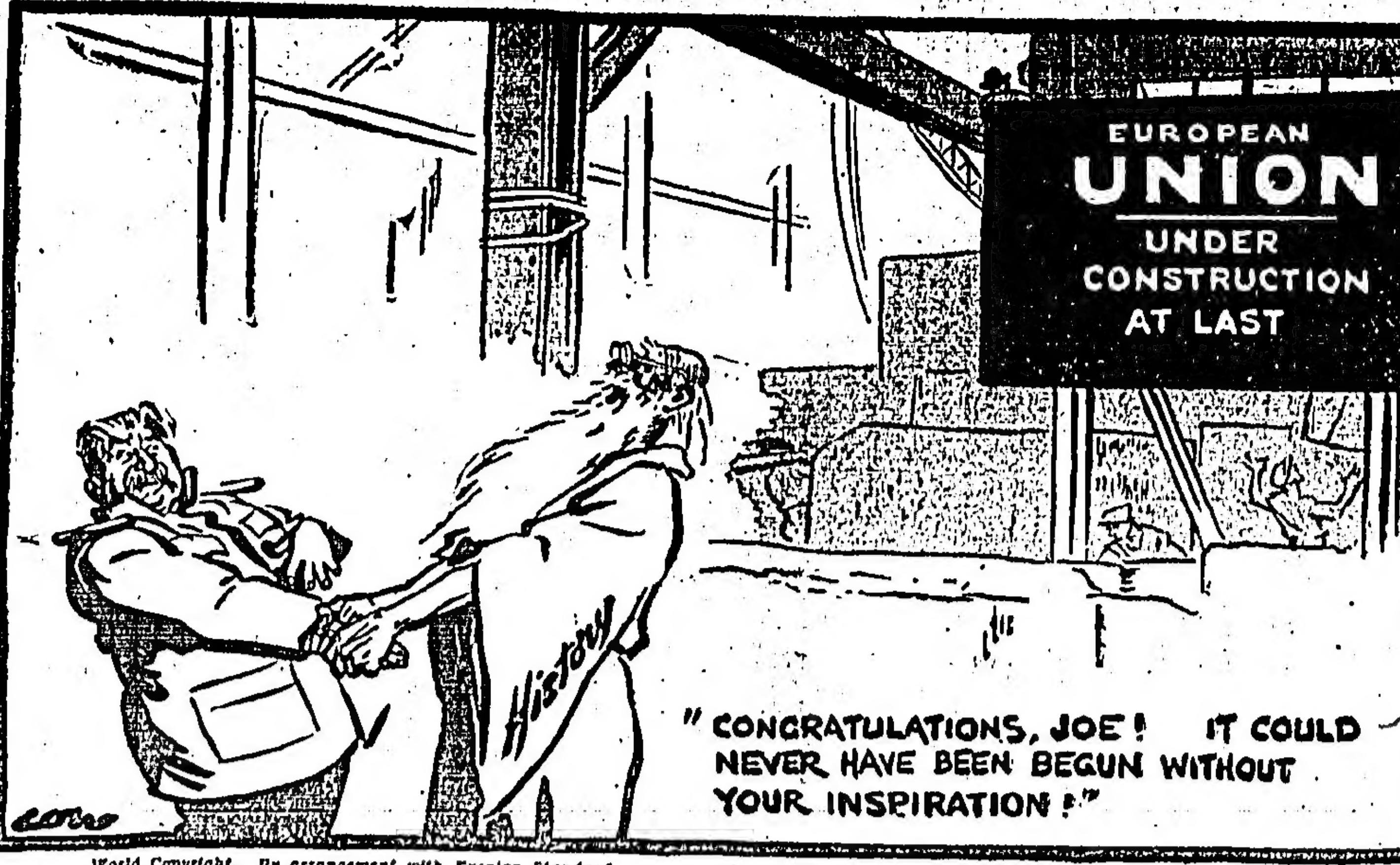
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How we got the blockbusters

By MORRIS BROWN

ON the night of April 15, 1941, the Luftwaffe raided London. A bomb destroyed the eyesight of Air Commodore Huskinson, bomb expert and "back-room boy" of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Three months later, with dark glasses hiding his useless eyes, Huskinson was back at his desk directing the planning and development of his "block-busters." He memorized letters as they were read to him. He followed plans and blueprints with his finger-tips, after an assistant had pricked out their lines with a spiked wheel.

Now he has told his story, in a book "Vision Ahead." It is the record of a man of action and high courage, who earned himself a reputation as a "red-tape" cutter in the RAF between the wars. Such men, often frustrated in peace-time, come into their own with the urgency of war.

IN May 1940, another man of action, Lord Beaverbrook, became Minister of Aircraft Production. He needed a new Director of Armament Development to speed up the supply of new bombs and guns to the growing air fleets. He selected Huskinson. The interview between them was a model of brevity on both sides.

They shook hands. Do you know anything about this job? said Beaverbrook. "Very little, I'm afraid," said Huskinson. "Well," continued Beaverbrook, "come and see me whenever you like. I hear you know how to get a move on. Go and get a move on. It that was your look-out.

Huskinson got a move on. But he found Lord Beaverbrook an exacting chief, who was always one jump ahead in the race to get things done. Here is a first-hand report of a partnership with a human dynamo:

"When the Beaver wished to see me he simply telephoned, 'I want you.' Sometimes the matter was important, sometimes not; but he always expected you to appear at the double.

"He worked incredibly long hours, and naturally expected that others would do the same. He had all his meals on a tray at his desk. He loathed red tape, and he had no axe to grind, and to me these were rare and refreshing characteristics.

"What action have you taken about those questions I asked you?" he barked.

AIR COMMODORE HUSKINSON
blinded, he went back to work.

Huskinson glibly recited off a mass of technical data. If it was possible to shake Beaverbrook, Huskinson believes that he came close to doing it then.

Huskinson sums up this period at the Ministry as an oddly pleasurable hell. But it was a hell that produced results. The time taken to produce a new bomb was reduced from a matter of years to six months or less.

Bigger and better bombs came off the production lines.

4,000lb bombs, 8,000lb bombs—

starting the progression that ended with the 22,000lb "Grand Slam."

In April 1941, Huskinson was working on the 12,000lb "Tallboy." Then he was blinded. He worked on from June to the following January. Then he left the RAF and became President of the Air Armaments Board. Here he was still concerned with the development of new air weapons.

IN THE SNOWDRIFT

NO indication is given of the supreme mental effort needed for an active man to overcome the shock and helplessness of sudden blindness, to return to work within three months of the event.

Huskinson uprooted himself twice from familiar surroundings to go to America in the latter years of the war. There is no mention of the disturbance this must have caused to a blind man—the strange voices and unknown rooms. He recalls a single "absurd" incident in Montreal, when he spent many minutes blundering around in snowdrifts, seeking to rescue a one-legged friend who had fallen head-first into several feet of snow.

Once only did he let slip a hint of the real meaning of his affliction. He says, simply: "I never cease from trying to pierce the darkness that envelopes me."

—(London Express Service).

SPINSTER'S IDEA

EVEN the darkest periods have their light relief. For Huskinson it came in the form of amateur inventors with bright ideas. Perhaps the most memorable of these, if not the most practical, was the invention of a spinster. She suggested that the RAF should drop thousands of rats equipped with little parachutes into the German hinterland. These would have little packets of incendiary material tied to their tails. They would seek shelter in houses, barns and haystacks, and the whole countryside would burst into flames.

But as a lifelong member of the RSPCA, she felt bound to make one condition. The rats must be provided with asbestos jackets.

As the campaign developed in Italy and the Normandy invasion drew nearer, Huskinson had to find the answer to a number of special problems.

A way had to be found to block the Brenner tunnel, through which the German army in Italy received most of its supplies and reinforcements. The Saumer tunnel in France, on the main line to the proposed invasion area, had also to be blocked.

There was a need for extensive information on the best way of cutting railway communications over a long period. So Huskinson made a series of practical tests. He assaulted the Great Western Railway. He blew in the entrances of a railway tunnel in Derbyshire. He broke down the banks of a railway canal. He blocked cuttings, destroyed locomotives and tore up lengths of permanent way.

It got so bad Kahn worked out a standard answer. This was it. "No, we didn't buy it in England, but on Broadway... Four cylinders... No, we didn't fly silly down here... Around 40 to one... In the open road and 25 in traffic."

"No, we didn't find it in a toy store—we found it in a

C.V.R. Thompson reports the U.S. scene

New York. A BIG spring push to sell Americans more British cars began in New York in mid-March.

In the newspapers were nearly as many advertisements for British cars as for American.

The advantages of which they boast are these: Cheaper, more economical to run, easier to

mine town of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Justice of the Peace Robert Smith said he would accept his 25¢ wedding licence fees by instalments. Said Smith: "I think every man should be married, and this might encourage some."

SHOW BUSINESS: Curtain times of a war play and of Rex Harrison's historical drama, playing at adjoining Broadway theatres, will be juggled. The purpose: To avoid a barker's reveille sounding in the silence which follows the dramatic moment when Harrison, as Henry VIII, condemns Anne Boleyn to death... Hollywood has thought better of making a Cardinal Mindszenty epi... Emlyn Williams is to produce his own rewrite of the famous old German spy film "M..."

TEEN-AGERS in Decatur, Illinois, held a meeting to protest against their parents' criticism of jitterbugging. Their advice to their parents: Remember when you used to do the bunny-hug and the Jersey bounce."

HIRE PURCHASE marriages were advertised in the

—(London Express Service).

NANCY

The Jackpot



By Ernie Bushmiller

WHY DO YOU
EAT HAM
WITH EGGS?By
DOUGLAS LARSEN

CAN Brussels sprouts fly? project to improve the whole peanut butter industry. Peanut butter uses about half of all the peanuts consumed as food.

What happens when you butter could be made that would not stick to the roof of the mouth? Is it too far to walk to the separator?

What does carbon dioxide have to do with the sex life of a queen bee?

Why do you eat ham with eggs?

The U. S. Congress is being asked to appropriate \$50 million so that answers can be found to these questions—and hundreds of others that are just as challenging.

There's little doubt that Congress will appropriate this sum. What's more, it may prove to be the smartest money that body spends.

That's the cost of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's research programme for the coming year. Congressmen, whether they represent farm or city districts, long ago learned the great dividends which America has earned as a result of this work. Trying to answer questions like these is one of the big factors behind America's huge food production.

Philip V. Carden, head of the Agricultural Research Administration, directs the job of dreamin up and solving these projects. He is aided by 3,000 Federal scientists who probably are the best men in the world in the field of agricultural research.

Trying to find out if a farmer is walking too far to his separator is all part of the job of designing farms and farm houses so that they are most efficient. Such research has led to the building of farm buildings closer together, and the designing of farm kitchens many times more efficient than those in old farmhouses.

A year ago, U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists discovered that subjecting unmaidened queen bees to a carbon dioxide gas anaesthetic caused them to lay eggs which later hatch into drone bees.

This makes possible a rapid

speeding up of production of strains of hybrid bees in which percentage is absolutely controlled.

This is of great value to the honey industry.

TESTS conducted by the Department showed that the proteins found in ham and eggs supplement each other so well that the two, when eaten together, supply more nourishment than when they are eaten separately.

These tests merely confirmed that an old dietary habit of Americans has a sound nutritional basis. But they have led to other discoveries about the value of protein to humans which eventually will mean better balanced diets.

Thus, questions which may sound silly at first glance can mean millions of dollars to the farmer and better food for all. And the ones mentioned here don't scratch the surface of what is being done in the vital field of agricultural research.

Other articles will tell such things as how close America came to losing for all times its strawberry crop, what's cooking for "men-of-tomorrow," how we get wonder drugs from the farm, about an idea for using corn peanut butter sticks instead of gasoline, and the latest dope on atomic farming.

Trying to find out why peanut butter sticks to the roof of the mouth is part of a



Importance Of School Life To Children

SPEECHES AT KING GEORGE V. SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING

"If it is desired to establish an adult community in which people shall realize their social obligations and shall be able to participate in the richness of an integrated and developed society, it is essential that steps towards this end be taken during a child's school life," said Mr L. G. Morgan, Acting Director of Education, when presiding at the first annual prize-giving of the King George Fifth School this morning.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs T. R. Rowell, wife of the Director of Education, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

In the course of his speech Mr Morgan said: "At present the course in this school ends at the School Certificate stage, but it has been suggested that pupils might with considerable advantage, both to themselves and the school, remain at school for an additional year. This is a most important suggestion.

The school should play its part by the provision of modern courses in civics and citizenship, by organising visits for senior pupils to factories, law courts, rural and fishing communities and by providing in the school a wealth of school societies and clubs."

The proceedings began with a programme of musical entertainment given by the pupils.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal, Mr G. P. Ferguson, said: "Mr Rowell, Mr Morgan, ladies and gentlemen:—Before presenting my official report may I, on behalf of us, welcome you and thank you for coming here today. It is a great disappointment to us, as I am sure it is also to Mrs Rowell, that her husband is unable to be present owing to ill health. We are particularly grateful to you that, in spite of Mr Rowell's illness, we have so graciously consented to distribute our prizes. I can assure you that we all wish Mr Rowell a speedy restoration to full health.

It is extremely kind of you, Sir, to have come along today. It is, I think, your first official visit to this school and I can assure you that we are very grateful to you for coming.

During the year six new rooms were added to the school, thereby completing the North & South wings of the building. These were completed in January of this year. Just in time to accommodate the influx of new pupils.

As reported last year the buildings, except for various leaks in the roof, are in a fair condition. However, signs of ten years' wear and tear are beginning to show and I am hoping that it will not be long before a complete overhaul can be effected.

We are still awaiting delivery of handwork equipment from England and I am hoping that the building acquired from the RAF will be ready to house the handwork classes by the time the equipment arrives. There is still a certain amount of equipment due from England for the gymnasium.

Apart from these items I think I can say that we are almost fully equipped. I must, however, make my annual plea for a swimming bath when funds permit. The advantages of this do not have to be stressed by me.

We now have a staff of 24, of which two are part time visiting staff.

MORE PUPILS

There has been a further large increase in enrolment and it may be of interest to trace the growth of the school from what figures are now available.

In 1902, the Kowloon British School, as it was then called, was officially opened by the Officer Administering the Government, Major General W. J. Gascoigne. The enrolment then was, I think, 37.

By 1920 this figure has risen to 178. In 1937 the maximum figure was 300 and, in 1940, approximately 330. After the war we re-opened in September 1946 with 78 on our books. When I made my report last year the figure was 344 (178 boys and 166 girls).

At the beginning of this year we reached 474 (238 boys & 246 girls).

The average attendance up to the end of December, 1948, was 90.2 percent.

The routine medical inspections have been made and inoculations against diphtheria and cholera were given. The health of the children has been good and there has been no outbreak of disease of an epidemic nature. Our thanks are due to the Medical Department for their assistance.

There has been little change in the curriculum. The school has been recognised under its new name by the University of Cambridge Board of Examiners as an "approved school." In this connection I should point out that the curriculum of this school is based on the University of Cambridge School Certificate Examination as our ultimate goal.

We do not really cater for the London Matriculation but aim to get students through the Cambridge Certificate with a standard that will give them exemption from Matriculation. At the same time I should

point out that the curriculum of the junior forms is not planned with a view to the Common Entrance Examination for public schools. The special type of curriculum suited to that examination is covered by preparatory schools in England. I feel it is only fair to make this clear to parents who plan to enter their children for English public schools. Naturally, we shall do our best for such children, but it must be agreed that the curriculum of a school must be planned for the majority so far as circumstances permit.

Courses in shorthand & book-keeping have been added to the curriculum and these will be taken up to the Cambridge Certificate standard.

BETTER WORK

The standard of work generally has improved considerably and the gaps in education caused by the war have to a great extent been filled. To achieve this has been an uphill struggle for staff and pupils, but one well worth the effort. However, the effort must be mutual and unless a child decides to do his or her part the finest teachers in the world can do nothing.

The candidates and staff responsible are to be congratulated on the results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examination. Out of the 15 candidates 13 were successful, of whom four were placed in Grade I, six in Grade II and three in Grade III.

The highest praise goes to David Ashe, who took nine subjects and gained seven distinctions and two credits!

The present Form VI is the largest we have yet had and if the present standard of work is maintained we can expect even better results at the end of this year. This at least is my hope and, knowing the Form VI students, I do not think they will disappoint me.

I should like to congratulate the prefects and to thank them for their help during the year. It is not easy suddenly to assume the responsibilities involved by promotion to a position of authority and leadership. To be a successful prefect is a most difficult task demanding strong personality and character, and I am happy to say that my prefects have not disappointed me.

At this point I would say a word not only to the prefects but to all the senior boys and girls. You have all of you got a responsibility which you must shoulder whether you like it or not. It is to you that the younger children look for leadership and example. The standards of conduct, manners, school spirit and the attitude towards work are all set by you. Therefore it rests with you to see that our good name is maintained and I am confident that you will perform that duty well.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS Our standard of football, cricket and hockey has improved very considerably. We have had good keen games both in inter-house matches and against other school teams.

Our swimming sports proved a great success and we are very grateful to the YMCA for allowing us the use of their bath.

In athletics we have had a very successful year. Our own sports meeting was enjoyed by all and our warmest thanks are due to all who assisted us.

In the inter-school sports we were fortunate enough to retain the Governor's Shield. Our athletic team put up a magnificent performance and the highest credit is due to Mr Mulcahy, who put in so much time with the training.

The school library has increased considerably in size and is still growing well under the capable guidance of Mr Attwell and his hard working assistants. The total number of books now is well over 1,500 and more are on order. The arduous task of cataloguing the library is now almost complete—a very creditable effort on the part of the librarians.

The latest issue of the school magazine, "The Lion" was edited by a committee of three prefects—D. Eggleton, S. Stephenson & S. Robertson—advised by Mr Attwell, and they are to be congratulated on a very fine effort. I hope that student editorship will become the normal custom in future and that budding editors will come forward. Apart from the useful experience gained, I feel this is a part of the school life that should be managed by the senior pupils.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

On such an occasion when anything I say becomes public property, so to speak, I cannot let pass this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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"Just look at this poem to a girl about spring—last year he didn't get romantic till April and he flunked algebra!"

Australian "Meat For Britain" Drive

NORTHERN TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Canberra, Apr. 7.—The Prime Minister, Mr Joseph B. Chifley, today outlined to the Cabinet plans for a large-scale development of meat production in Northern Australia, a Government spokesman stated.

The Prime Minister told the Cabinet that he would seek a long-term agreement on prices and the quantity of beef for export to Britain, it was authoritatively learned.

In return, the Government would embark on a rapid expansion of the cattle industry in Northern Australia.

Mr Chifley has obtained the views of his Ministers, enabling him to submit definite proposals to the British Government when he visits London for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference later this month.

It is said the reduction in Japan since the war had been "remarkable."

The Indian death rate fell below 21 in a thousand in 1947 for the first time in history. The rate for that year was 8.1. The Organisation's report said: "One plausible, but only partial, explanation for the falling death rate in most of the world is that a considerable proportion of the very poor risks from a survival point of view may have been wiped out by war conditions."

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Stabbed PC's Condition

"Satisfactory"

The condition of Police constable Cheung Chi, 28, who was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital last night suffering from stab wounds, was this morning stated officially to be "very satisfactory."

PC Cheung was attacked at Ah Kung Ngam, Shaukiwan, where he was investigating a report of disorderly conduct.

The incident followed the arrest of six locally enlisted soldiers for allegedly entering a theatre without tickets.

The hospital authorities said this morning that PC Cheung was suffering from several small stab wounds in the back, abdomen and head, but that they were only superficial.

The invitations promised: "Cocktails in unlimited quantities will be free."

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New Air Service For Hongkong

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Truman's Confidence In European Recovery

Washington, Apr. 7.—In a telegram to the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, today, President Truman expressed confidence that the European Recovery Programme would "fully realize the high goals which have been set."

The President's message was a reply to one from Mr Attlee on the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1948.

President Truman's message said: "The record of the countries participating in the European Recovery Programme during the past year is one of great accomplishment in industry, in agriculture and in trade."

It was a record of increases in many cases, and it was also, he believed, a record of achievement through cooperation.

The message continued: "The Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, so recently established by the countries working together towards full recovery, has demonstrated to us all the meaning of true international action."

"We in the United States are proud that we have had a part in this great mutual effort. We are confident that the progress toward true recovery which has been so marked during the first year will continue and that the high goals which have been set will be fully realized."—Reuter.

Divorce For Prince Aly

Paris, Apr. 7.—Prince and Princess Aly Khan were today granted a divorce by Maitre Marcel Roussel, President of the Paris Civil Tribunal, the French news agency reported. Custody of their two children was given to the Prince with the consent of the Princess.

Prince Aly Khan said recently: "I am going to marry Miss Rita Hayworth as soon as I am free." The Prince and the Princess had been separated for more than three years by mutual consent.

The case was considered a normal divorce between two British subjects, as the Prince elected to take advantage of his British citizenship.

Maitre Jean Rapoport, who represented Princess Aly Khan in divorce proceedings, told Reuter tonight that Prince Aly Khan would be able to "remarry as soon as the divorce is entered in the French divorce register in four to eight weeks' time." He added that a woman divorced under French law must wait nine months before remarrying.—Reuter.

Commenting today on the proposed "More Meat for Britain" campaign, Mr A. R. Driver, the Northern Territory Administrator, said a five-fold increase in the Territory's present cattle population of 1,000,000 might be possible.—Reuter.

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UNION LEADER WARNS GOVT.

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Criticising the increase in telephone charges, Mr Crookshank said that the Post Office made a profit of more than £10,000,000 last year. Was it helping to finance the deflation of some other nationalised industries?

Taxation was still far too high, he complained. The Opposition still thought that public expenditure could be reduced.

He considered the great achievements of the past year due largely to Marshall Aid—financially and psychologically—and private enterprise in the export field.

Mr George Benson, Labour, thought that in the changing circumstances the Chancellor had been "extremely wise" in introducing a "conservative" budget.

"What he has done is to use the wartime tax structure for social purposes," Mr Benson said. "This has allowed us to do for the social services in four years more than has ever been done in a century."—Reuter.

H.K. Girl Silences The Experts

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After that, there seemed no point in continuing the argument. Miss Cheng had said the last word, and those who feared the encroachment of modern composers were reassured.

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CUP TIE CONTROVERSY

Wolves' Goal Becomes A Burning Topic

London, Apr. 7.—The burning topic of soccer fans over last week-end was the goal that took Wolverhampton Wanderers into the final of the Football Association Cup. A one-nil victory over the Cup holders, Manchester United, on Saturday earned the Wolves the right to meet Leicester City at Wembley on April 30.

Many thousands of the 72,000 crowd who saw the semi-final replay between the Wolves and United declared that Jean Pye, Wolverhampton's centre forward, was offside when he started a move which resulted in Smyth heading the only goal, four minutes from the final whistle.

A large section of the football writers present agreed with this opinion, but the linesman who was in a good position thought the goal quite legal.

The move was started by the Wolves' winger, J. Hancock, who sent a long pass forwards to the opposite wing. Pye picked up the pass and from a difficult angle shot hard at the Manchester goal.

Crompton, the United Goal-keeper could not hold the ball and Smyth, running in, headed into the empty net.

VARIETY OF OPINIONS.

A variety of opinions concerning the legality of the goal was voiced after the match. Johnny Cheshire, Manchester's captain, and Irish International fullback, thought that Pye was offside; an old Allen Chilton, the centre-half, they both made the mistake, however, of standing still and waiting for the whistle which never came, allowing Pye to run and make his contribution towards the all vital goal.

Pye's own version was: "I knew where the ball was going and as I ran I glanced at the linesman. He did not sing me, so I went ahead."

The question whether Pye was offside or not will never be solved, but Manchester fans will long remember the goal that robbed the United of the opportunity of being the first team to win the Cup twice in succession this century.

Wolverhampton go to their seventh final—their second at Wembley. The meeting with Leicester will be the third all-Midland Cup final in 17 years.

Leicester City manager, Johnny Duncan, who watched the Wolves-United semi-final, with a view to weighing up the opposition, left with the opinion that his team could win the Cup.

His optimism received a severe shock when he returned home, for seven Leicester men had received injuries that afternoon in the match against Grimsby.—Reuter.

Home Football

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UN To Debate Hungarian Trials

Blistering Soviet Criticism

Lake Success, Apr. 7.—The United Nations today decided to discuss the trials of Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Primate, and 15 Bulgarian Protestant pastors after the United States had challenged Russia to "have it out in the General Assembly."

The Assembly's Steering Committee voted by 11 to 2—Russia and Poland, with Persia abstaining—to put the case on the agenda of the present session.

POCKET CARTOON



"Can't you just see it—
to see papers everywhere!"

America To Build A Superliner

Will Carry 2,000 Passengers

Washington, Apr. 7.—Plans for a \$70,373,000 trans-Atlantic superliner—the largest passenger ship ever projected in the United States—were announced today by the Maritime Commission. The new flagship of the American Merchant Marine will be built by the Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Virginia.

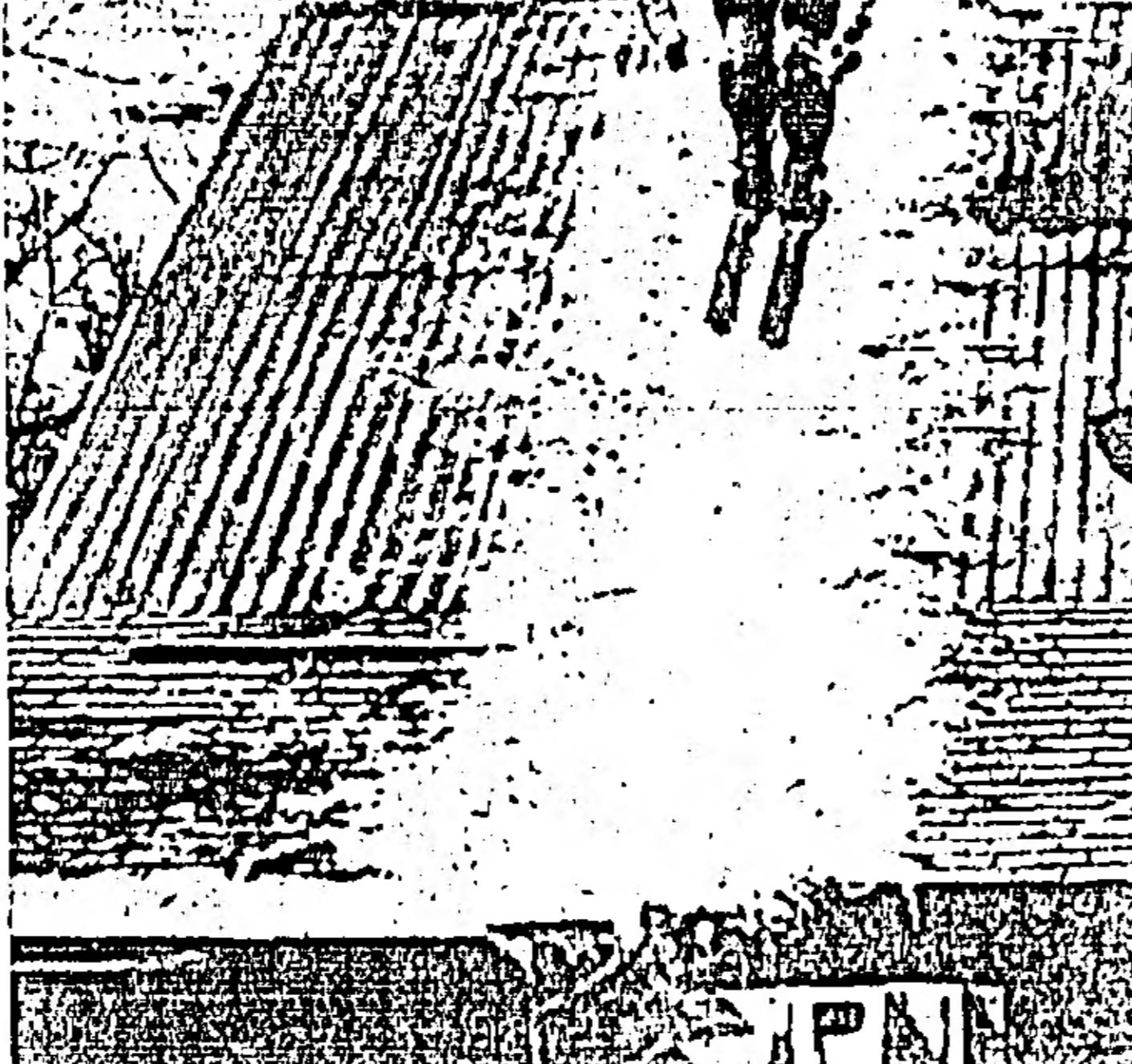
The job will take about three and a half years. The steamship company will contribute \$23,087,200 of the vessel's construction cost. This is about what it would take to build the ship in a foreign yard. The Maritime Commission will contribute a \$42,285,784 subsidy, part of which will be for the national defence features of the vessel.

FAST AND LUXURIOUS

The ship will be fast and luxurious. It will carry 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1,000. In wartime it could transport 12,000 troops. The Commission kept the anticipated top speed a secret, but said it will cruise at 28 knots.

Of 48,000 gross tons, the vessel will be smaller than the British Queens, Elizabeth and Mary. But it will carry as many passengers and operate as many schedules. It will be 980 feet long.

Vice-Admiral W. W. Smith, Commission chairman, said, the decision to build the ship was "one of the most important the Commission has ever made. Since the war we have been woefully short of passenger ships under the American flag. We have not been only short of this kind of service, but are in the danger of more serious shortage of trooping tonnage in case of emergency."—United Press.



Erling Wiig, a poultry farmer at Tarzana, Calif., skims down a ski slide on the roof of his barn. Wiig uses chicken feathers for his slide, creating a winter resort atmosphere. Not too long ago Californians had the real ingredients for a ski slide.—AP Picture.

Western Powers Request Military Aid From U.S.

Washington, Apr. 7.—The five Western Union Powers have formally and collectively requested the United States to supply them with military assistance under the terms of the North Atlantic Treaty, it was reliably understood here today.

A formal United States answer agreeing in principle to seek Congressional authorisation for such assistance is expected tomorrow.

Western Union national military experts have already drawn up for the information of Washington a broad estimate of their own military resources and the joint defence measures planned under the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty.

This estimate gives a rough idea of the scale of United States aid which would be needed to implement what they regard as the basic security needs of the Atlantic Union.

The United States is then expected to ask for detailed estimates of aid required from the various Atlantic Pact states so as to be able to approach Congress for appropriations for the current year.

The five Brussels Treaty Powers—Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—will continue to act as a single group.

The State Department is understood already to be negotiating with Norway and Denmark for an estimate of their defence needs in terms of American assistance.

DEFENCE COUNCIL

Until these two sets of European estimates are obtained and approved, little progress can be made with the actual organisation of the permanent military organisation of the Atlantic Union.

Details of the Defence Council and its subsidiary planning and supply committees have hardly figured in the discussions here in the past week.

Officials in Washington today described American press estimates of the actual amounts of the foreign military assistance programme, ranging from one to two thousand million dollars, as purest speculation.

President Truman in his January budget message expected to have \$2,000 million available if Congress adopted his new taxation programme.

The only item of expenditure unaccounted for in his budget was the programme of military assistance to the North Atlantic and other countries.

The programme, therefore, has an official \$2,000 million ceiling.

Congress may possibly refuse to give Truman the new taxes for which he asks.

In that case, the President may have to obtain funds for the military assistance programme by reducing other expenditures, for example on his \$16,000 million defence budget.

Reuter.

Feather Ski Slide

Eden's Robust Confidence In The Commonwealth

London, Apr. 7.—Mr Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, in a luncheon address here today, said he returned from his recent world tour with robust confidence in the Commonwealth's future.

His journey, he said, had revived and restored his hope for mankind. He returned with a strong conviction that the Commonwealth countries could help each other and lead the world for the benefit of all countries.

Referring to the part that India and Pakistan could play, Mr Eden said he was encouraged by the clear desire he had found in those Dominions to continue in some measure their partnership in the British Commonwealth if it could be contrived.

"The problem is of very great complexity," he added, "but the closer we can contrive to be together, the happier we in the United Kingdom shall be. It is for them to decide, but I am sure that in the wider perspective of world events, the more general contribution we can make the richer will be the benefit for the world as a whole."

ENHANCED ROLE

"Regional arrangements are valuable and indispensable, but they are not alone the solution of our problems. Constant efforts are needed to preserve peace and our Commonwealth has got to plan it, but with Pakistan and India with us, our role will be enhanced."

Mr Eden said it was necessary to be cautious about the situation in Malaya, which was still serious, but there had been a marked improvement in many respects.

"This banditry—and that is what it is—has no support among the Malayans," he said, "and provided there is no further influx of bandits from outside, my view is that this problem by stages will be resolved."

STILL CARRYING ON

Mr Eden praised the planters and tin miners who, after years in Japanese prison camps, were still carrying on, he said, behind barbed wire and other conditions which troubled the strongest nerves.

As Malaya earned more dollars than all the United Kingdom's exports, Britain's debt to Malaya had not been settled enough.

Mr Eden said that there was an urgent need for such visits as his to the Commonwealth countries not only at the political level but at all levels and in all conditions.

BIRTH CONTROL

Plan For Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 7.—The Japanese Government's Welfare Minister announced today he was preparing plans for a national birth control programme to meet the "menace" of over-population.

The minister, Toji Hayashi, told the lower house of the Diet, in response to questioning from the floor, that the Welfare Ministry is considering a number of plans for providing "effective and proper means of birth control."

A small scale popular education drive, including radio programmes, was thought necessary for checking the population increase and the best methods of birth control already has been launched by the Ministry. The accent is on personal responsibility to help solve the problem, which American officials have called a threat to the American Japanese self-sufficiency drive.

Japan's population is increasing by over 1,500,000 persons yearly and imports of food to feed the additional mouths is an increasingly harassing problem.

Many American economists feel that Japan can never export enough finished goods to pay for increasing food and raw material imports, leaving the alternatives of continued territorial expansion or mass starvation.—United Press.

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Philadelphia, Apr. 7.—The Jewish hospital reported today the development of a new type of "artificial kidney" by three staff doctors.

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